(*b*) Notification No. HD 62 TMT 60, dated 24th March 1961 (Tax concession in respect of the Katcha route Koppal to Kasalapur in Raichur District) ;

(*c*) Notificaton No. HD 38 (2) TMT 61, dated 10th April, 1961 (Exemption of Tax payable under Mysore Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1957) ;

(*d*) Notification No. HD 53 (2) TMT 61, dated 15th May 1961 (Exemption of Tax payable under Mysore Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1957) ;

(*e*) Notification No. HD 56 TMT 60, dated 17th May 1961 (Tax concession in respect of Katcha route Yelburga to Sudi in Raichur and Dharwar Districts) ;

(*f*) Notification No. HD 42 TMT 60, dated 23rd June 1961 (Further amendments to the Mysore Motor Vehicles Taxation Rules, 1957) ;

as required under section 16 (2) of the Mysore Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1957.

(*g*) Notification No. HD 8 CCF 61, dated 11th May, 1961 (Remission of fees chargeable under the Mysore Court Fees and Suits Valuation Act, 1958 in respect of memo filed on behalf of the State) ;

(*h*) Notification No. HD 11 CCF 61, dated 18th May 1961 (Remission of the Court fee payable on application for return of documents) ;

as required under sub-section (2) of section 70 of the Mysore Court Fees and Suits Valuation Act, 1958.

(viii) Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA (Minister for Law and Labour). I beg to lay:

(*a*) Notification No. LAW 52 LGR 60, dated 10th April, 1961 (Amendments to the Mysore Legislature Members' (Medical Attedance) Rules, 1958) ;

(*b*) Notification No. LAW 122 LGR 60, dated 22nd April, 1961 [Amendment to the Mysore Residences of Chairman and Speaker (Furnishing) Rules, 1956] ;

as required under section 15 (2) of the Mysore Legislature Salaries Act, 1956.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

† Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA (Nanjangud).—I wish to invite the attention of the Hon'ble Speaker and through him request Government to allot two days atleast for the discussion arising out of the enormous floods that have been raising throughout the State. In fact, Hon'ble Members of this House who come from different parts of the flood affected areas would like to acquaint themselves with the relief

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measures undertaken by the Government so far and also make suggestions, if possible, to improve the conditions of the flood affected people. It need hardly be mentioned that it has reached the proportions of a calamity in some places and I think it would be necessary for the Government to place before this Hon'ble House a statement of the information received so far and the measures that have been taken to relieve the distress in the affected areas and to give an opportunity to the Hon'ble Members of this House to discuss the several measures undertaken and to make concrete suggestions. That is item No. 1. The other point which I would like to refer is in regard to the inconvenience caused to many of the members, notably on this side of the House in regard to the accommodation provided during the current session. Sir, yesterday, an instance came to my notice where a particular member of my party who is suffering from heart trouble, who is unfit to go upstairs or take and accommodation in the first floor or the second floor, was denied the opportunity of living in a room convenient to him. It has been brought to my notice that the House Committee has made a resolution that in respect of invalids and other ailing persons, they should be provided accommodation in the ground floor so as to eliminate the possibility of going upstairs. One other matter is that after taking away the Infantry Road Guest House, the Carlton House and the Park House, considerable inconvenience is caused to the members on this side of the House and I do not know under what circumstances Government have taken away the privilege of these members to live each one in a single room. I understand, suggestions have been made by Government that two members may occupy a single room. Sir, when the House voted the grant for the building of the Legislators' Home, in addition to the accommodation then available, it was clearly understood that every member should have the benefit of living in a single room so that there may be opportunity for devoting his time to the work of the Legislature. It is not as if they come here for comfort ; they will have to devote a greater part of their time to study the Bills. In this session, particularly, they have got as many as 20-25 Bills coming up for discussion and that involves study. Even otherwise, it may not be possible for all members to live together. Some of them may bring their families. I think, Government will have to revise their policy of putting two members in a single room. They cannot lead a miserable life here. They should not treat the members in this fashion. More than one complint has been received by me yesterday in regard to the inconvenience caused to particular members. I would appeal through you to the Government to revise their policy in this matter. I do not know under what circumstances one fine morning they have passed an order that the Carlton House, the Park House and the Infantry Road Guest House should be taken away. If looks awkward for the members to complain in regard to these matters. If the members are found alternative accommodation which is convenient

to them, I do not bother. But did they ever think of inconvenience caused to the members ? It is their duty to provide suitable accommodation to the members. I would like the Speaker to kindly examine this matter and render such relief as is possible to the members. I am placing these matters before the Speaker with a sense of frustration.

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—Sir, in regard to the flood havoc, relief measures are taken by Government. I wish to mention on this occasion that the havoc is collosal in some parts of the State. I have no objection for the question being discussed on the floor of this House. But it requires 3-4 days to collect the necessary data. Our officers of several departments are busy in giving relief to the people who are affected and marooned. At present we are not fully equipped to give facts particularly the fact relating to the damage caused to the public property as well at the private property. We may require a week to collect the information. Havoc is not yet over. Still we are receiving the reports from the various Talukas and Districts about the continuance of havoc. There is no need to allot two days for discussion we may discuss it for a day and that too after 5-6 days later.

†SRI J. B. MALLARADHYA.—It is very unfortunate that the havoc is continuing. My object is suggesting this to the Minister was that if the need arises, some of us may go and see the flood affected parts and obtain first hand information. By postponing it for a week, the very object of discussing the matters would be frustrated. In addition to the information available with the Government, they can get the information from hour to hour and they may furnish it to the members and we shall discuss and suggest to the Government the steps to be taken to affording relief to the people. If things go worst, the need might arise for some of us to go by batches to see the affected parts. We may help the Hon'ble Ministers concerned to see if anything concrete could be done on the rush basis. This is not a matter which requires to be discussed ten days later. I am fully aware that the Ministers have taken prompt action to render relief to the affected persons. But they should carry the members along with them in such matters. It should be a co-operative endeavour. This is not a matter which concerns the treasury benches alone but this is a matter which concerns the entire State. Therefore this matter should not be delayed. This subject should be taken up for discussion if not on Saturday, atleast on Monday it must be discussed.

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—I have no objection for the matter being taken up on Monday if the House agrees. But with regard to the damage caused to the private property and in some cases public property, that information may not be available with the Government. With the existing information with the Government, I have no objection for the matter being discussed on Monday if the House so decides.

†Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—The Hon'ble Leader of the Opposition wants to go by batches to see the places affected by flood. That is a very welcome suggestion. But it is only after they come back, it would be useful for us to discuss the matter. I am just now returning from the tour of some districts which are affected by flood and I have got some personal knowledge of the flood. Similarly some other Ministers had gone to some districts and seen the damage caused by floods. They have got personal knowledge and certain information. We can put all these ideas and discuss the matter before the other members go to the spot. There is no point in discussing here from the information supplied by one side of the House.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—There seems to be a suggestion that the members have not seen the affected areas. Many of the members from this side have seen the affected parts which relate to their constituencies.

Most of the members have seen the affected areas and they are anxious to help the affected people. That is why I said let Government place before the House whatever information they have and then we shall discuss the question and after that, if necessary, we shall jointly go and see the affected areas.

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—Whatever information they may have collected, let them place it before the House. They are welcome to do so. Then we shall place the information collected by the Ministers and then we can discuss and suggest ways and means of ameliorating the conditions of the affected people.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Members coming from the affected areas have already seen the havoc and they have full information. So a discussion may take place as early as possible.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Does he mean to say that members should not see the other areas which are affected ?

Sri U. M. MADAPPA.—We must first think about giving immediate relief to the people.

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—Let no member be under the impression that no relief has been given. We have given relief to the affected people.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Members coming from the affected areas have got full information. In view of that it is better to have the discussion at least by Monday so that we would organise immediate relief.

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—The information called for by various Ministers, as I have done, is with regard to the damages caused to Government property and estimates for their repairs etc. That will come by and by. In certain places even now the velocity of the flow of

water is so much that nobody dares to put sand bags in the breached places. It might take some time to collect information about the havoc caused and the action have to take. But with regard to the hardships caused to the public, relief work in that respect is going on.

Sri U. M. MADAPPA.—Even with regard to damage to private property, that information has to be available in the Revenue Department. The Revenue Minister is in charge of the portfolio. That Department has to get that information.

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—The information wanted by the Ministers after their tour is different from what the House wants. The House is very much interested in helping the people who are in distress. I can very well understand their anxiety, but I may say that work is going on in that respect. We need not wait for that information to come here to discuss this question, because the information that the Ministers have called for is about damage to Government property like bridges and measures for their repairs. We can place that information before the House when it becomes to our hands, but the immediate necessity is to render assistance to the public who have suffered, and that work is going on. If the members have got any information on that point, they may place it before the House and the discussion can take place on Monday and we need not wait for all the other information to come here.

Mr. SPEAKER.—We have to fix up a day as early as possible. I think we can fix up a day for discussion in the course of today.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—May I request the Government to issue bulletins regarding the position from day to day ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—We have been issuing press statements every day.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—I am in Bangalore. Even here I do not get the Government notification in this respect.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—500 Houses have collapsed in a taluka in Coorg. Where is the press statement about that ? That is why I say that Government should issue a bulletin from day to day so that it will help all members to get full information about the havoc caused.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Whatever information is possible will be collected by the Government and an early date will be fixed for discussion.

MEMBER'S REPRESENTATION.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—What about the question of member accommodation ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—We will think about it.